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SUBJ: POLITICAL LIBERALIZATION: SHAH'S COMMENTS

1. AT CONCLUSION OF LUNCH AT NIAVARAN PALACE ON JULY 1 WHEN
MRS. LYNDON B. JOHNSON WAS WISHING SHAH AND SHAHBANOU HER BEST
WISHES FOR IRAN'S FUTURE AND DEVELOPMENT, SHAH BECAME SERIOUS
AND REFLECTIVE. HE NOTED THAT THE BOTTOM LINE WAS A CHOICE
BETWEEN FREEDOM AND FULL CONTROL LIKE COMMUNIST STATES. FOR
IRAN THERE WAS IN REALITY ONLY ONE CHOICE-THE PATH OF
FREEDOM. A TRADITIONAL MONARCHY LIKE IRAN COULD NOT IN THE
MODERN AGE, HE SAID, ATTEMPT TO MAINTAIN TIGHT CONTROL OVER
THE PEOPLE. THE TASK WAS TO HAVE THE LIBERALIZATION PROCESS
UNFOLD RESPONSIBLY.
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